

THE ISTHMIAN CANAL THE FIGHT BEGINS

The Friends of the Nicaragua Route Take the Initiative

Mr. Hepburn of the House Alluded to the Suspicious Circumstance of the Panama Company's Rapid Decline in Figures—An Inquiry to be Made Regarding Possible Objections the Transcontinental Railroads May Have to an Inter-oceanic Canal and Their Relations With the Panama Company.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The first notes of the contest between the Nicaragua and Panama routes for an isthmian canal were heard in the senate today. Mr. Morgan offered and secured the adoption of a resolution, which indicated his purpose to have the committee on inter-oceanic canals inquire into the relations alleged to exist between the transcontinental railroad companies of the United States and Canada and the Panama Canal company. In explanation of his resolution, Mr. Morgan declared that the alleged relations were a "wicked monopoly," which had already cost the people of the Pacific coast millions of dollars. The relations involved the control by the Panama Canal company of the Panama Railroad company and an agreement existing between certain railroads of the United States and the Pacific Mail Steamship company.

At the conclusion of the business today the senate paid a graceful compliment to Senator Foraker of Ohio, by adjourning until 2 o'clock tomorrow, in order that senators might attend the marriage of Miss Parker, which is to occur at noon tomorrow, without interfering with legislative duties.

RE-OPENING OF THE SCHLEY CASE

President Roosevelt Decides to Hear the Admiral's Appeal.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The object of Admiral Schley's visit to the White House yesterday was to request the president to entertain and consider an appeal for a reversal of the action of Secretary Long and a disapproval of the majority judgment of the court of inquiry. The president granted the admiral's request.

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alleged new offer of the Panama company was a part of a plan of delay. All his utterances were liberally applauded. He pointed out, what he claimed, was a suspicious circumstance, that the Panama company held out for \$100,000,000 till it was decided before the holiday recess to consider the Nicaragua bill, and then suddenly dropped the price to \$10,000,000. Mr. Morris of Minnesota, gave notice that at the proper time he would offer an amendment to authorize the president, if he could procure the property and the rights of the Panama company for \$10,000,000, if concessions could be procured from Colombia and if the Walker committee so recommended, to purchase and proceed to complete the Panama canal.

The other speakers today were Messrs. Davis of Florida; Richardson of Alabama; Mann of Illinois; and Adams of Pennsylvania.

WILL WAIT ON THE HOUSE.
Washington, Jan. 7.—The senate committee on inter-oceanic canals decided to defer all efforts to secure action by the senate on the question of a canal across the isthmus of Panama until after the house shall have disposed of the bill now under consideration in the latter body.

A SCHLEY RESOLUTION.
Washington, Jan. 7.—Representative House of Representatives introduced a joint resolution, reading that Commodore Schley was the senior officer in command at the battle of Santiago; that he was in absolute command of that battle, and is entitled to the credit due to such commanding officer for the glorious victory which resulted in total destruction of Spanish ships. The resolution provides for the thanks of congress to Admiral Schley and the officers and men under his command.

Messrs. Rayner and Teague, counsel for Rear Admiral Schley, came over from Baltimore today and were closeted for several hours with their client. Admiral Schley would not discuss the matter beyond stating he had asked the court of inquiry to be relieved of the duty of President Roosevelt that the matter be presented as early as possible.

AN AGED EDITOR.
Charles W. Hobart died yesterday morning.

Teacoma, Wash., Jan. 7.—Charles W. Hobart, an old-time newspaper editor of Washington, died this morning at Teacoma from infirmities of old age. Hobart began his newspaper career as editor of the Colorado State Republican, and later founded the "Evening Daily Tribune." Twelve years ago he edited a newspaper at North Yakima, and was one of the founders of the Washington State Horticultural society and for several years was its secretary.

BRITISH AND BOER LOSSES OF A YEAR

The South African Forces Wasted Away by 18,000 Men.

London, Jan. 7.—A published review of operations in South Africa during the past year, based upon official reports, gives an interesting comparison of Boer and British losses. The review says the total reduction of the Boer forces in killed, wounded, taken prisoners and surrendered, amounts to 18,200 men. Out of this total, only 7,500 rifles were secured. The captures of Boer ammunition amount to 2,300 cartridges. The British columns are supposed to have taken all the Boer artillery, amounting to twenty-seven guns and a few mortars, and a number of General De Wet at Zeefontein. The capture of Boer stock has been enormous, considering the great havoc made during the earlier years of the war. During the last year a total of 29,882 horses were captured, while of other stock, such as cattle, oxen and sheep, the British casualties from actual fighting amount to only half of those

sustained by the Boers, namely 9,112 men, of which 1,512 were taken prisoners and since have been released. During the last year 4,040 men died of disease, fifteen officers and 312 men were accidentally killed and 25,300 men were invalided home.

A COMPREHENSIVE SMOKE.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 7.—The tobacco factory of Cameron & Cameron was practically destroyed by fire tonight. The loss was \$150,000.

WESTERN OIL ELECTION.

Officials Chosen Yesterday By the Denver Association.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 7.—The directors of the Western Oil association met here today and elected the following officers: President, George W. Allen; secretary, Harry E. Insley; treasurer, George E. Ross; Lewis, Denver; vice presidents, D. C. Bailey, W. R. Lewis, Josiah Winchester, Denver; C. H. Freeman, Pagosa Springs; F. J. Crane, Cripple Creek; Thomas E. Poole, Boulder; J. J. Olsen, Ogden; Warren Richardson, Cheyenne; C. A. Johnson, New Mexico. A set of by-laws was adopted and a membership committee was appointed as follows: Colorado—F. W. Bailey, D. H. McChesland, W. C. Edwards, Lee Reynolds, C. H. Freeman; Utah—J. J. Olsen, J. A. Guthrie; Wyoming—Warren Richardson, Marlan P. Wheeler; New Mexico—R. N. Freeman.

BELMONT BEATEN.

Republican Goes To Congress From Seventh N. Y. District.

New York, Jan. 7.—Montague Lester, republican candidate in the election held today for congressman of the Seventh district, was elected by 344 votes over Perry Belmont, the democratic candidate. The total vote was: Lester, 7,677; Belmont, 7,283.

WHOLESALE BURIAL MANY ARE DEAD

Another Disaster in the Unlucky Negaunee Mine.

Negaunee, Mich., Jan. 7.—The most distressing accident occurring in this country in years occurred at the Negaunee mine today at noon, when, by a cave-in, the lives of from thirteen to seventeen miners are thought to have been lost. The cave-in was at the bottom of an old shaft. Had it occurred half an hour sooner about 150 men would have been killed. The names of the dead, so far as known, are: William Williams, married; John Sullivan, single; John Pascoe, single; John Pearce, married; and Jacob Hamill, married.

Thus far but one body has been taken out, that of Hamill, and one man was rescued alive. It is thought that the other bodies cannot be reached within twenty-four hours.

The miner rescued is Dominico Basso, an Italian. Basso describes the disaster in the mine as follows: "We were seated around the pump at the bottom of the shaft when without warning thousands of tons of ore came down. I remembered no more until I heard the sound of picks and shovels in the hands of the rescuers and their shouts. I was in total darkness and my feelings cannot be described. What seemed hours to me were but minutes. When the rescuers found me I was seventy-five feet from the place where I was sitting and I found myself a drift. How I got there is a mystery that can only be accounted for by concussion of the wind."

The Negaunee mine is one of the most unlucky properties in the Lake Superior district. Much trouble in sinking and drifting has resulted from a surplus of water and landslides. It was at this mine that \$1,000,000 was recently expended to sink a shaft to the ledge.

THEY MET IN A HEAVY FOG

A Disastrous Collision on the Norfolk and Western.

Roanoke, Va., Jan. 7.—In a head-on collision on the Kenova division of the Norfolk & Western railroad at Alvirah, W. Va., at 7 o'clock this morning, Hugh Smith, the express messenger and baggage-master, of this city, and Flagman John Turner of Bluefield, W. Va., were killed instantly, and Engineer Bailey received injuries from which he died later in the day.

A passenger train, east-bound, collided with an extra west-bound freight train in a dense fog, the passenger engineer having failed to see a flagman sent ahead of the freight train to give warning of impending danger. The express car and a combination express and baggage car caught fire and were destroyed. None of the passengers were injured.

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THE ELECTIONS IN CUBA

Two More Before the New Government is Established

General Palma Sure to be the First President—Congress Must be Sure However That New Rule is Accepted.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Two more elections are to be held in Cuba before the new government can be inaugurated. The elections to elect senators will meet on February 15, and those to elect a president will meet on February 24. These two bodies of electors are so numerous and so free to act on their own judgment that had there been a close contest at the late election there might have been uncertainty as to the success of Gen. Palma until after the election on February 24. As it is, Palma's election is assured in advance. The only danger is that the Maso contingent, who refrained from voting, may set up a claim of fraud.

Members of congress may want to know more about the elections in Cuba and the willingness of the minority to abide by the result of this first general election before they authorize the president to extensively withdraw the United States troops and hand over the administration of the island to Gen. Palma and the congress to be chosen.

The question as to when the Cuban government is to be inaugurated has not yet been settled, and if there should follow this election any demonstration by Cubans indicative of unwillingness to accept it as final, such demonstrations will increase the reluctance of congress to order the withdrawal of troops and the transfer of the Cuban government.

Reciprocity will be given to Cuba until it is known that there is a government with which to reciprocate. If the Cubans cannot organize a government, congress will have to adopt some other means of aiding the commerce of the island while it remains under American control. Any reciprocity measure will have its origin in this house. The senate leaders will not take the initiative in a question which closely affects the revenues.

THE CAPTURE AT MORENCI

Of a Supposed Montana Train Robber.

Clifton, Ariz., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Officers Gus Hobbs and Dutch Kessler captured a man at Morenci yesterday who is believed to be Harvey Logan, who has a record as a "murderer and train robber" and is especially wanted in connection with the Montana train robbery. He was captured in connection with the description of the criminal for whose capture a large reward is offered. Notification of the capture has been sent to officers and San Francisco officers are expected to come and identify the prisoner, who has been taken to Solomonsville for safekeeping. The suspect was one of a trio of bad men who were arrested for peddling jewelry without a license.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

The Condition of the Markets Yesterday.

New York, Jan. 7.—The stock market became decidedly reactionary today. The market closed about the lowest of the day.

Closing—Atchison, 75½; preferred, 97½; C. & O., 47½; C. & S., 10½; preferred, 61½; second preferred, 28½; C. C. & E., L., 57; Erie, 42½; Great Northern, 157½; Manhattan, 15½; Metropolitan, 162½; Missouri Pacific, 101½; New Jersey Central, 194; New York Central, 156; Pennsylvania, 105½; St. Louis & San Francisco, 84½; preferred, 74½; St. Paul, 164½; Southern Pacific, 90½; Union Pacific, 101½; Anaconda, 20½; Copper, 70½; Anaconda, 20½; Sugar, 119½; United States Steel, 45; preferred, 96½; Western Union, 91; San Francisco Copper, 34.

BONDS.
United States refunding 2s, registered and coupon, 108½; 2s registered, 107½; coupon, 109½; new 4s registered and coupon, 120½; old 4s registered and coupon, 111½; 4s registered, 107½; coupon, 107½.

METALS.
New York, Jan. 7.—Copper was nominally unchanged at 14½ in New York with sellers at 12½ for lake, but it was no doubt lower to sell. Electrolytic was quoted at 12½ and casting at 11½. London copper prices were 10s higher. Spot closed there at 47½, 10s, and futures at 47½. Lead was dull and unchanged here at 14½. Tin at London the prices were 1s 3d higher at 49, 10s. Spelter ruled firmer here at 19½, advance to 24½, while London prices were 2s 6d lower at 41s 10s. Silver, 55½; Mexican dollars, 44½.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.
Chicago, Jan. 7.—Wheat in all the grain pits today experienced setbacks after yesterday's soaring market. An over-bought wheat market influenced the declines. May wheat

registered a net loss of 3½¢; May corn 3½¢ and May oats 5¢. Provisions closed 5 to 12½¢ down. May wheat opened 84 to 84½, sold to 84½, closed 83½-83½. May corn opened 65½, closing 67½. May oats opened 45½, sold up to 47, but closed 46½.

WOOL AND HIDES.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 7.—The wool market here presents few new features this week, conditions, as a whole, ruling strong, with general business quiet. Prices for wool are firm, and while a few large lines are being sold, former quotations are firmly maintained. Territory wools continue to head the list of sales. Good lots of fine medium are yet selling on secured basis of 45½-46, with fine at 45½-46, and staple wools at 47-48.

CHILDREN'S DAY

For The Making of Contributions To McKinley Monument.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 7.—Governor Orman today received a message from Governor Nash of Ohio and one from Judge William R. Day, secretary of the McKinley monument association, asking him to set apart Wednesday, January 23, as "Children's Day," requesting the school children of Colorado on that day to make contributions to the McKinley monument.

He is also requested to name the preceding Sunday, January 20, as "Church Day," asking that collections be taken in all the Colorado churches for the same purpose. Governor Orman replied to the gentlemen, promising to comply with the request.

FLEISHMAN IN MEXICO.

Mexico City, Jan. 7.—A local detective agency here claims to know the whereabouts of H. J. Fleishman, the alleged absconding California banker. It is said he never left Mexico since coming here a short time ago.

PACKING HOUSES IN A CLOSE CORNER

An Interesting Session of the Interstate Commerce Commission

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Prosecutions against all the big packing house concerns in the west for violations of the interstate commerce law against receiving preferential rates are being prosecuted by the interstate commerce commission. This fact was developed today during the investigation begun by the commission into the handling of packing house products and dressed meats. It also became apparent that the commission and the railway managements of the entire country practically had entered into an alliance for the purpose of inspecting congress to pass legislation permitting railroads to pool under certain regulations by the interstate commerce commission, and it is believed that such a law can be passed.

The development of the day was the announcement that the commission had requested the attendance here of all the leading men in the advancement of the community of interests idea, including J. P. Morgan, James J. Hill and E. H. Harriman, and that if these men failed to respond to the request harsher measures would be taken to compel their coming.

Evidence upon which to base prosecutions against the packers was obtained in abundance. The traffic managers and vice presidents of roads east and west threw up their hands and admitted freely that there was no pretense toward maintaining tariff rates on packing house products and dressed meats for export or domestic use except for a very short period of time at the beginning of each year.

Paul Morton, second vice president of the Santa Fe; A. C. Bird, third vice president of the St. Paul; J. M. Johnson, third vice president of the Rock Island, and other men of the highest standing in the railroad world took the stand and stated boldly that they are now and had been continual violators of the law; that they are sick and tired of being such; that the present conditions are intolerable; that they are determined to secure a maintenance of rates, and that millions of dollars is paid to the packing house interests yearly by the railroads at the expense of legitimate revenue.

The packing houses and their representatives to whom rebates have been paid during 1901, according to Commissioner Prouty, will, if possible, be made amenable to a maximum fine of \$5,000 for every violation of the law.

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Peking, Jan. 7.—The re-entrance of the Chinese emperor into Peking today was the most remarkable episode in the annals of the dynasty, save the flight of the Chinese court when Peking was bombarded by the allied forces.

The spectacular phases of the return of the court exceeded expectations. The cortege was a sort of glorified lord mayor's show and was a bewildering baroque exhibition of oriental taste, splendor.

Its chief significance was a complete effacement of the traditional deification of Chinese royalty. Foreigners were given greater facilities for witnessing the ceremonial than at most European courts.

The scene at the Chien Gate when the emperor and dowager empress entered the temple to offer thanks for their safe journey was nothing less than revolutionary, when viewed in the light of all Chinese emperors. The horseshoe wall forming the ancient gate was crowded with Europeans, diplomats, army officers, missionaries, ladies, photographers and correspondents. When the emperor and dowager empress arrived at the temple, the procession halted and their majesties signified from their chairs, which were covered with imperial yellow silk lined with sable.

The emperor proceeded to the temple of the God of War, on the west side of the plaza, with hundreds of foreign correspondents peering into the crowd above him and dozens of cameras focused upon the Son of Heaven. When he returned, his chair was borne through the gate. Then the chair of the dowager empress was brought to the doorway of the temple of the God of Peace.

PRICE OF A BULL NINE THOUSAND

Chicago, Jan. 7.—The Hereford bull "Perfection, 92,891" was sold for \$9,000 today at the Union stock yards, Chicago. This is the highest price ever paid in America for a Hereford, and the highest price in recent years for a bull or cow of any breed.

Perfection was the champion Hereford bull of the international livestock exposition in December. He was purchased by Gilbert H. Hoofs, vice president of the Mallory Livestock Commission of Chicago, whose farm, are at Thornton, Ill., and Taylor, Texas.

THE YOUNGERS ARE HOMESICK

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 7.—Cole and Jim Youngers have applied to the state board of pardons for commutation of their life sentence for murder to thirty-five years. Allowing for "good time," they have already served thirty-six years for their share in the Northfield raid.

They say their friends are ready to set them up in business in Miami, Fla., and they are now out on parole and cannot leave Minnesota.

COMING STORM.

Washington, Jan. 7.—New Mexico and Arizona—Paid Wednesday and Thursday; variable winds.

Wyoming—Fair Wednesday; Thursday fair, colder; variable winds.

Special Forecast—Storm warnings are displayed on the Pacific coast, on the Strait of Juan De Fuca, Bellingham bay and at Seattle.

dem of Mercy, on the east side of the plaza, and the dowager empress appeared. Amid a great scuffling of attendants she proceeded into the temple on the arms of two officials, followed by a company of Buddhist priests bearing offerings.

The spectators then heard the booming of the temple bell. After an interval of five minutes the dowager empress reappeared. Standing in the doorway of the temple she looked upward. Directly overhead were the German minister, Dr. Munn Schwarzen, the secretaries of the German legation, the officers and ladies from the American garrison and a correspondent of the Associated Press. The dowager empress saw the foreigners and bowed low. She advanced a few steps and bowed again in acknowledgment of the salutations of the foreigners. She returned to her chair, looking upward to the anti-circle of foreign officers and bowing respectfully.

Meanwhile the Chinese soldiers, Manchurian bannermen and minor officials, who had crowded the plaza, were reverently kneeling. Two arches at the sides of the ancient gateway were framed with hundreds of faces of Chinese eunuchs, who, antedated by the presence of the foreigners, ventured to gaze upon their rulers. This incident constituted a most sharp contrast to the old regime, when neither diplomats nor natives were permitted to view the passage of royal personages along the streets. The expression of the anti-circle of foreign officers and bowing respectfully, who, antedated by the presence of the foreigners, ventured to gaze upon their rulers. This incident constituted a most sharp contrast to the old regime, when neither diplomats nor natives were permitted to view the passage of royal personages along the streets.

LYNCHINGS AND RUMORS

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 7.—Reports have been current during the day in Chickasha that a lynching took place late last night on the grade of the Oklahoma City & Southwestern railroad in an isolated district southwest of that city.

One of the laborers, while the men were in camp, shot a companion, and the remainder of the party hanged the murderer to a tree. Details are meager.

FEAR OF TROUBLE.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 7.—Governor Longino has ordered the Capital City guard of this city to be held in readiness to go to Oxford. The sheriff there is apprehensive that a mob will tonight try to lynch Will Matheo, Orlando Lester, Will Jackson and Whit Owens, who are in jail here. Three of the men have recently been convicted of the murder of the two Montgomerys, deputy United States marshals.

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